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NEWS RELEASE

Police Applicant Arrested for a 1998 Felony Warrant

Date: 9/18/2015
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: 911 N. Raynor (Police Headquarters)
Arrestee: 36- year old Antonio "Tony" Sanchez Jr. of El Paso

EL PASO, TEXAS: A police applicant for the upcoming police academy was arrested on Friday September 18, for an outstanding felony warrant issued in 1998. While the applicant was undergoing the physical agility test earlier this month an officer recognized him and took note of his avoidance. The officer did an extensive records check and found that a warrant for Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity had been issued in 1998. The applicant had not yet reached the background investigation portion of the selection process. 36-year old Antonio Sanchez was placed under arrest at police headquarters and booked into the El Paso County Detention facility under a \$25,000 bond.

History:

Date: 5/29/1998
Location: 10100 Luella
Victim: 19-year old Jesus Sierra of El Paso

EL PASO, TEXAS: On May 29, 1998 the victim, 19 year old Jesus Sierra attended a party at the 10100 block of Luella. At approximately 12 midnight the victim was involved in a fight with, then 18-year old Tony Sanchez. The victim was thrown out of the party and was further assaulted by multiple attackers including SANCHEZ, and left unconscious on the street. The victim regained consciousness and later sought medical treatment and was released from what was then Thomason Hospital (RETGH). Four days later, on June 2, 1998 the victim was readmitted to RETGH where he expired. Because the cause of death was not determined, the eight persons involved in the assault were later charged for the offense of Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity-Aggravated Assault. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Sanchez and remained filed as it is believed he had left the city.

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